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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this case.

Claims 1, 7, 11-13 and 15-19 have been amended.

On August 5, 2004, the Examiner telephoned the undersigned attorney to indicate that the present application is in condition for allowance if the Applicants amend the claims and abstract to replace the terms "adapted to" with "configured to", and if the Applicants amend line 10 of claim 7 to replace "one" with "each". No prior art was discussed.

Regarding claim 7, Applicants' undersigned attorney explained that claim 7 did not require amendment, and the Examiner agreed. The example on page 10, line 22 - page 11, line 13 of Applicants' specification was discussed.

Regarding replacement of "adapted to" with "configured to", the undersigned attorney stated that "adapted" is a proper functional limitation and cited to MPEP section 2173.05(g) which clearly provides support for this position. The Examiner did not agree.

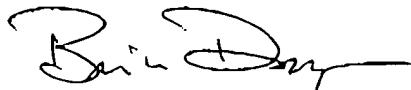
To expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 1, 7, 11-13 and 15-19 and the abstract to replace "adapted" with "configured". *Applicants assert that these amendments have not been made to and do not narrow the scope of any claim.* Further, Applicants assert that the Examiner has failed to provide any reasonable basis for drawing a distinction between the use of the term "configured" and the use of the term "adapted". For instance, www.dictionary.com defines "adapted" as "[t]o make suitable to or fit for a specific use or situation" and "configured" as "[t]o design, arrange, set up, or shape

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with a view to specific applications or uses." Both terms clearly set forth similar functional limitations when used in a claim.

Applicants believe all of the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request allowance of the same. Applicants do not believe any fees are due regarding this amendment. If any fees are required, however, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696. Applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone Applicants' attorney should any issues remain.

Respectfully Submitted,



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